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DAILY BRIEF

*South Vietnam: General Minh has taken the first step toward forming a provisional civilian government by 1 November, but serious obstacles remain.

A 17-man Supreme National Council, selected by Minh after consultations with various religious and political groupings, yesterday met for the first time.

Included among the broadly representative membership is Dr. Le Khac Quyen, controversial leader of a militant political movement with its base in Hué. Despite an apparent general realization of the pressing need for unity, it is questionable that the divergent groups represented on the council will be able to work together effectively.

(Ambassador Taylor, noting the recent accelerated deterioration of governmental processes and such new difficulties as the Rhade revolt, believes these developments cast considerable doubt on the ability of the Khanh caretaker regime to carry through its planned program for establishing a provisional government.)

General Khanh today flew to Ban Me Thuot in a personal attempt to seek a way out of the current impasse with rebellious Rhade paramilitary forces in Darlac and Quang Duc provinces. The results of

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Khanh's mission are not yet available,

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The Communist National Liberation Front has used the occasion of the Rhade revolt to broadcast an appeal to all tribesmen in the highlands to rise up in pursuit of their "legitimate aspirations" for autonomy.

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NOTES

United Nations - Cyprus: The Security Council probably will not authorize any important increase in authority for the UN forces on Cyprus. Turkey and the Greek Cypriots, for differing reasons, are objecting to a new and broader UN resolution on the Cyprus operation. Barring a Soviet veto, it now appears that the council will extend the mandate along previous lines, perhaps allowing Thant slightly more flexibility in carrying it out.

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